in 1108 and the amount spent in 1108 and the amount lapsed, if any;

(c) the total length of roads maintained by the Public Works Department at present and the amount set apart for their maintenance in 1109?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) 1. Total length of roads maintained at present—545 m. 3 f. 45½ yards.

2. The amount set apart for maintenance in 1109—Rs. 32,178—0—0.

(d) The amount allotted for the maintenance in 1108 including those additionally sanctioned for certain Panchayats—Rs. 14,658—0—0.

2. Amount spent—Rs. 13,694—1—2.

3. Amount lapsed by way of tender savings Rs. 963—14—10.

The total length of roads to be maintained by the Public Works Department in 1109 is 477 miles 2 furlongs and 1 yard and the total allotment for maintenance is Rs. 2,03,882 as budgetted.

Palappilli Reserve Forest—Sholayar Valley.

25. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

1. who met the survey charges in exchanging Palappilli Reserve Forest for the Sholayar Valley Rubber Estate for the Kerala Calicut Estate Limited;

2. what did the Government gain by the transaction?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—1. The expenditure was in the first instance met by the Forest Department and subsequently recovered from the Estate authorities.

2. The question of exchange was since dropped and not given effect to. The Government did not stand to lose or gain anything on this score.

Chittur Kanam lands—purchaser.

26. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

have the Government realised the amount of Rs. 2,192-14-6 due in 1107 from a defaulting purchaser of Chittur Kanam lands; if not, at what stage the matter stands at present; who is the defaulter and with whom is the plot now?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No such item as that referred to is traceable. All lands handed over to parties have been paid for.

Diwan Peishkars.

27. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how many Diwan Peishkars (acting

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or permanent or probationary) were there at the close of the year 1108; what were their names and what pay was drawn by each and what were their respective functions at the time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the required information is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many Peishkars were there at the beginning of this month?

Deputy President.—The beginning of which month?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—English or Malayalam.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was only one effective Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was there any non-effective Diwan Peishkar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is one who is the Chief Camp Officer and there is another who is on leave.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know how many there are now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The three continue.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How long have they been continuing?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Three months.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know when we can expect to have only one Diwan Peishkar in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—When the other two retire.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know the probable period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the supplementary questions prove irksome to the Government? We want to know the definite period when the State shall have only one Diwan Peishkar, the probable period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—When the other two retire after their leave.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know the probable period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice. I think Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar will retire within a month. The period of Mr. Kandar Menon has already passed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know why the Government want three Diwan Peishkars now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a question of having or wanting three Diwan Peishkars.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I suppose it has come to be.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it not within their power to dispense with the services of the others?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Those questions do not arise. An officer is entitled to leave. One is on leave and the other's leave has just expired and he has left and there is only one more now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the Appendix we are given two names and here there is a third one who was undergoing training. So was there not one at the close of 1108 who was on probation ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There were only two at the time. The answer is quite correct.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether there were previous cases of such luxuries ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a luxury. The rule that one is entitled to privilege leave even after his 55th year was introduced only very recently.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government will give an assurance that there will not be a repetition of such cases ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of the Members. There can be half-a-dozen Diwan Peishkars. If the permanent Diwan Peishkar goes on leave, another Diwan Peishkar is *ipso facto* put there. And when the acting Diwan Peishkar goes on leave another man will be there and so on *ad infinitum*.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Diwan Peishkars are mushrooms?

Deputy President.—That is not in order, Mr. Ouseph.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Cannot the Government make some arrangement by which there may not be such drain of public money?

Deputy President.—The term 'mushrooms' is quite out of order.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—No, Sir, I meant only mushroom growth.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The amount of leave allowance granted is inevitable.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Cannot the Government make some arrangement so that public money is not wasted ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Every effort is taken to reduce leave allowance and restrict grant of leave.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government is contemplating to extend the period of one of these Diwan Peishkars ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any likelihood of the permanent Diwan going on leave or on other duties?

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Deputy President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether any extension has been asked for by the permanent Diwan Peishkar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has any Diwan Peishkar asked the Government to give him permission to write accounts of His Highness' North Indian tour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan Peishkar has been asked to write the account of the tour.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Who is the Diwan Peishkar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Rao Bahadur Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar. But he is on leave now.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—May I know of the two gentlemen, who is the person whose leave has expired and who has retired from service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Kandar Menon.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Who is the other gentleman who is still in service and on leave

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar is on leave preparatory to retirement.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the length of his leave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—31 days from the 7th of this Malayalam month.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government think that it will be possible for him to finish the accounts within that period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has the Government asked him to submit the accounts within that period?

Deputy President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government will extend the period provided he does not finish it by that time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I may tell you that he has definitely entered on leave preparatory to retirement.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are the Government sure that he would retire?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not this trinity of Diwan Peishkars adding to the cost of administration? Whether nothing can be done to reduce the cost of administration with reference to this trinity of Diwan Peishkars?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—When was he given leave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On the 7th of Makaram

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Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Was he given leave previously?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, that was about 8 months back.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—How many times he was given leave preparatory to retirement?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Only once.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government consider the necessity of giving him a big honorarium?

Deputy President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question is not answered.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No answer is necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Whether the Government has any idea to reduce the cost?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These appointments are inevitable under the C. S. R.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether he will be able to submit his accounts within the period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has been asked to do that and he will finish it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can there be a circumstance in which a dozen Diwan Peishkars can hold office in the State?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the accounts are not written from time to time?

Deputy President.—That is far beyond the scope of the question.

Mr. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether the retirement of this officer depends upon his own choice?

Deputy President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Appointment of paid medical officers.

28. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have deviated from the statement that 'they will not take in fresh men' as paid medical officers since the speech of Dr. Raghavendra Rao on page 829, III C. L. C., Vol. V, Part 9 of the Council Proceedings;

(2) if so, why?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

(2) When His Highness the Maharaja went to Northern India, the Medical officer in charge of the Palace Dispensary was deputed to accompany His Highness and party. As there was no other Brahmin in the department who could be deputed to the Palace Dispensary, it was necessary to employ a Brahmin at Trippunittura Palace Dispensary.

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APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 27.

Name	Pay Rs.	Designation
1. M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar Avl.	650	Permanent Diwan Peishkar on other duty as Chief Camp Officer in connction with the tour of His Highness the Maharajha to Delhi
2. M. R. Ry. U. Kandar Menon Avl.	do	Permanent Excise Commissioner on other duty as Officiating Diwan Peishkar

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